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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Hollander David</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>DURHAM NC 27703</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [AERI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Chief R&D Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/11/2019</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/11/2019		A		25,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	25,000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.05	11/11/2019		A		110,000		(2)	11/11/2029	Common Stock	110,000	\$0.00	110,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares of Common Stock were granted under the Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated Inducement Award Plan (the "Plan") and are scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of November 11, 2019.
- This option was granted under the Plan and is scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, as to 25% of the underlying shares on November 11, 2020 and as to the remaining underlying shares in substantially equal installments on each of the first 36 monthly anniversaries of November 11, 2020.

Remarks:

/s/ John LaRocca, Attorney-in-Fact for David Hollander 11/13/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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